GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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MEDICINAL PLANTS IN ORISSA
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a vast scope to grow medicinal plants in Orissa;

(b) whether the Government has any proposal to give subsidies to farmers in the State to increase areas under medicinal plants;

(c) if so, the details of proposals received from the State Governments in this regard; and

(d) the assistance extended/proposed to be extended by the Union Government to the State?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir.

(c): During the current financial year (2004-05), so far National Medicinal Plants Board has received 45 Project proposals on Contractual Farming through State Medicinal Plants Board, Orissa.

(d): Total amount of Rs.52.64 lakhs is proposed to be provided as subsidy towards 41 projects as recommended by the Project Screening Committee and approved by the Standing Finance Committee of the Board. Besides, an amount of Rs.32.14 lakhs has been provided to State Government of Orissa during first two years and current financial year in Xth Plan against the target of Rs.49.55 lakhs during the Plan period under the component of Development of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Macro Management for Agriculture implemented by Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture.